

What's New in the MPDC

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MAYOR ANNOUNCES JOINT MPDC-DPW CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL POSTER GRAFFITI IN DC

Mayor Williams this week announced that the MPDC and the Department of Public Works (DPW) are beginning more aggressive enforcement of illegal posters in public spaces. Illegal posters are placards, flyers, signs and other advertisements dealing with the sale of goods or services. The regulation banning these posters has been on the books for many years. The Williams Administration is acting now to provide more aggressive enforcement of this violation by combining the resources of multiple agencies. For the MPDC, the Violation Citation book – known as the Form 61D – has been updated to include a special check-box for poster violations, and new policies and training have been presented to officers. Now, officers who witness people putting up illegal posters will be able to issue citations more easily – citations which carry a minimum \$35 fine and the confiscation of posters. Administrative changes will also enable DC's Corporation Counsel to more easily prosecute offenders. DPW, working with the Clean City Initiative, will continue to focus on both the people who put up posters and the organizations that sponsor the goods or services being advertised. The Mayor emphasized that the new crackdown on poster graffiti affects the environment, economic development and public safety in DC's neighborhoods. Read the entire news release at:

Have questions about what constitutes legal vs. illegal posters in DC, and the rules on how legal posters can be displayed? Check out the Clean City Initiative's Website (maintained by community volunteer Kathy Chamberlain) at:

*[cleancity.dc.gov/
regulations_posters.htm](http://cleancity.dc.gov/regulations_posters.htm)*

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News Release)

FINDING DC's "MOST WANTED"

The MPDC continues to offer a \$10,000 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any unsolved homicide committed in DC.

When the FBI this week apprehended Christian Michael Longo, on the Bureau's "10 Most Wanted" list as a suspect in the murder of his wife and three children in Oregon, public interest in Web-based "Most Wanted" lists was heightened. Longo's arrest followed a tip from a Canadian woman who

had seen his case featured on America's Most Wanted and then went to the FBI's Website to verify his identity as a person she had met in Cancun, Mexico in late December. To facilitate the public's assistance in identifying and locating wanted persons in DC, the MPDC Website includes a number of "DC's Most Wanted." The site is organized by region, with photos, additional descriptions of wanted suspects and contact information provided. To view DC's Most Wanted (and get links to related sites), click on:

For other serious crimes, the DC Crime Solvers program offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and indictment. If you have a tip, call the confidential Crime Solvers Hotline at 1-800-673-2777. Learn more about Crime Solvers at:

*[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/solvers/
aboutcrimesolvers.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/solvers/aboutcrimesolvers.shtm)*

mpdc.dc.gov/serv/solvers/mostwanted/mostwanted.shtm

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GRANTS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION UNIT

As operating budgets get tighter – for both public and not-for-profit organizations – the role of grant funding takes on added importance. The Grants Programs Administration (GPA), part of the MPDC's Office of Organizational Development, develops, administers and monitors all Departmental grants. In addition, the GPA provides certain services to the public, including helping non-profit groups establish partnerships with the MPDC in the preparation of applications for grant-funded programs, and partnering with local educational units in developing grant proposals. If you are interested in learning more about the MPDC's Grants Program Administration unit, visit its new Web page (which includes staff contact information) at:

*For a directory of major MPDC units
– from Accounts Payable to Youth
Violence Prevention – click on:*

*[mpdc.dc.gov/about/contact/
telephonedir.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/contact/telephonedir.shtm)*

mpdc.dc.gov/about/units/grants.shtm

MPDC VEHICLE AUCTION SET FOR JANUARY 23

Looking for a good bargain on a used car? This Wednesday, January 23rd, the MPDC will sell at public auction approximately 50 forfeited vehicles at the Department's Blue Plains Impoundment Lot in Southwest. The lot will open at 8 am on the 23rd for inspection of vehicles; the auction will begin promptly at 9 am and last until all of the vehicles have been sold. Terms of the sale are cash, cashier's check, or certified check only, and all sales are final. All vehicles must be paid for immediately and removed from the site by 3 pm on the day of the sale, or they will be resold at a later date. For full details about the vehicle auction, go to:

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News Room)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPDC events for the coming week include the following:

- MPDC leaders will join officials of other child protection agencies in DC in presenting testimony during a DC Council Joint Public Hearing on January 23, at 10 am. Complete DC Council calendar at: www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/Calend76.htm
- The MPDC will hold a joint graduation and promotional ceremony for recruit officers, lateral-hire officers, and newly promoted sergeants, lieutenants and captains on January 24, at 10 am. The ceremony will take place at the National Zoo Auditorium.
- Chief Ramsey has made regular promotional opportunities a key element of the Department's personnel program. The 2002 promotional process for sergeants, lieutenants and captains will begin on January 26, with the written portion of the examination at Eastern High School.

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

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